

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to focus on a clearinghouse server system and method that allows publishers to offer licenses to use their works of authorship and to receive acceptances of licenses without intermediate human activity. An essential aspect of this system is the presentation to publishers of registration web pages where the publishers can enter all of the licensing terms for each work so that, without intermediate human activity, the server system can present an offer of a license to a user at a computer system on the network that is complete as to all of its terms and can be accepted by the user by sending a computer message indicating acceptance, whereupon the server system sends an acknowledgement. Neither Erickson nor the DOI references teach or suggest such an automated clearinghouse system for use by publishers.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, Applicant requests the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below

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